



**CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
INTERIM STRONG MAYOR SUBCOMMITTEE
CHAIR- ALAN BERSIN**

****FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2007 MEETING CANCELLED****

****MEETING POSTPONED TO MONDAY, JULY 16, 2007, AT 1:00 P.M.****

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MINUTES

1:05pm Call to Order

Committee Members:

Alan Bersin, Chair	Present
John Davies	Present
Glen Sparrow	Present
Adrian Kwiatkowski	Present
Barbara Cleaves Anderson	Present

Staff in Attendance:

James Ingram, Committee Consultant
Job Nelson, Office of the Mayor
Penni Takade, Deputy Director, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst
Catherine Tran, Committee Consultant, Legal Affairs
Sharon Spivak, City Attorney's Office
Huston Carlyle, City Attorney's Office

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENT

Alan Bersin read a statement noting that the Charter Review Committee Chair and Vice Chair had considered the concerns expressed by members of the public regarding Committee meeting times and the public process. As a result of those expressed concerns, Mr. Davies and Judge Milliken recommended increasing the number of community meetings and some changes to the timing of meetings.

CITY ATTORNEY, COUNCIL INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST AND MAYORAL STAFF COMMENT

Subcommittee chose to continue discussion on Items 1-4 through to next meeting and will wait to forward an official recommendation on any items to the full committee. Will forward recommendations at next meeting on August 6, 2007 at 1pm.

Due to scheduling conflicts Item 5 taken out of order.

ITEM – 5: Information Item- Initial Discussion on Intergovernmental Relations

- Presentation from Penni Takade, Deputy Director, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst, regarding the Intergovernmental Relations Department (IRD).
- *The written report arrived late to the meeting, but is available on the Charter Review page on the City Of San Diego Web Site.*
- Where does IRD belong, report to, etc.? Are there any other departments in this “limbo” situation like IRD? Should all offices be under the mayor?
- Public testimony from Joy Sunyata regarding IRD and its importance; she is grateful that the Charter Review process is taking up the issues of IRD.
- Job Nelson, Director of IRD spoke to concerns of the subcommittee and questions regarding the department.

ITEM – 1: Action Item- Forward Recommendations for Redevelopment/Land Use and the Charter to Full Committee

- Houston Carlyle, Deputy City Attorney spoke to the issue of redevelopment. Stating that there are no Charter City’s with the Redevelopment Agency in the charter, therefore it will not work. This view in contradiction with the opinion of Les Girard.
- Subcommittee discussed the proposed draft language brought forward by the committee consultant. Is it necessary to narrow the language from “any body”?
 - “Any” allows for flexibility.
 - By spelling out CCDC and Housing Authority, or other specific agencies, we may get blocked into a corner.
 - Staff is asked to respond to concerns of the subcommittee.

ITEM – 2: Action Item- Forward Recommendations for Strong Mayor Sunset Provision to Full Committee

- Public Testimony from Richard Ledford of the San Diego Chamber regarding recommendations to the Charter Review Committee, specifically the issue of the

Sunset Provision. The Chamber recommends the elimination of the Sunset provision.

- Subcommittee confused regarding proposed options from staff, because there is no option to eliminate the Sunset as soon as possible.
 - Staff is asked to revise options to proposed language for the Sunset recommendation.

ITEM – 3: Action Item- Forward Recommendations for Adding a Ninth Council District to the City Council

- Public Testimony from Richard Ledford of the San Diego Chamber regarding recommendations to the Charter Review Committee, specifically the issue of additional council districts. The Chamber recommends an increase in council districts.
- Consensus that there should in fact be an increase in council districts. The question is how many – 9, 11, or 15? In addition to the number the timing is also a problem.
- Discussion surrounding the timetable of redistricting. It cannot be accomplished before the 2010 census and the data from that will not be available until 2012. Can you get ready for the process with old data and then make the necessary revisions so as to accelerate the process?
 - What is the legality of this option?
- Subcommittee would prefer language is cleared by the City Attorney
- Consensus surrounding “at least 9 districts as soon as practicable”. Subcommittee comfortable with option 1 with this addition.

ITEM – 4: Action Item Item- Forward Recommendations for Revising the Mayoral Veto

- Public Testimony from Richard Ledford of the San Diego Chamber regarding recommendations to the Charter Review Committee, specifically the issue of mayoral veto. The Chamber recommends that government must be equipped to prove a specific form of government.
- General consensus of the subcommittee to equip the mayor with an actual veto. Recommending “at least one more to override veto” as opposed to using fractions.

ITEM – 6: Action Item: Approve Minutes from June 15, 2007 Interim Strong Mayor Subcommittee Meeting

- John Davies proposes to adopt minutes/actions from June 15, 2007 Interim Strong Mayor Subcommittee Meeting, seconded by Barbara Cleaves Anderson
- Action approved unanimously.

Next meeting set for Monday, August 06, 2007

3:25p.m. Adjournment